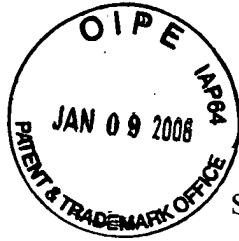


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Enclosed herewith is a Status Inquiry Relating to Patent Application for P.A. Billing-Medel, *et al.*, for REAGENTS AND METHODS USEFUL FOR DETECTING DISEASES OF THE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT, the specification of which was filed on August 22, 2003, and received Serial No. 10/646,873.

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Dear Sir:

More than twenty-eight months have passed since the filing of this application on August 22, 2003. No communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application. Thus, it is respectfully requested that Applicants' attorney be informed of the status of the application as soon as possible.

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